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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KINO, et al
Serial No.: 10/024,190
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACIDS BY
FERMENTATION
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Examiner: H. Lilling

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 8, 10 and 12 as follows:

C¹ 8. (twice amended) A microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, having an ability to produce 15.7 g/l or more L-histidine and having resistance to 1 g/l